

WILSON BOROUGH  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA  
August 22, 2016

The Second Meeting of August 2016 of the Council of The Borough of Wilson was held in the Guy B. Tomaino Public Safety Building at 2040 Hay Terrace, Easton, PA. President Verenna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call followed.

PRESENT:

James McGowan  
Leonard Feinberg  
Tony Verenna  
Pamela Taylor  
Daniel Schaffer

Louis Starniri  
Scott Palinkas  
Russell Lipari  
David Jones

ABSENT:

None

Also present were: Police Chief Steven Parkansky, Attorney Daniel Devlin, Director of Public Works Gregory Drake and Code Enforcement Officer Paul Corriere.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Motion by Mr. McGowan to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2016 Council meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council unanimously approved the minutes.

GUEST:

Mr. Tom Stang of Waste Management was present for the Council vote on a one year extension of the Borough's garbage contract. He noted that the contract remains the same with the exception of splitting the Borough and alternating weeks for recycling collection. Motion by Mr. Starniri to accept the extension of the Borough's current contract with Waste Management including the change to recycling collection. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

PRESENTATION OF MATTERS BY RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS:

Ms. Winnie Howey was present representing Wilson Borough Block Watch. She thanked Council for the use of Meuser Park for the Block Watch's first Borough Wide Yard Sale. There was approximately 90 vendors and the Block Watch made over \$700.00.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Ms. Garcia read a letter from Daniel Redington, Director of the Mary Meuser Memorial Library. He requested closure of N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Northampton Street to the alley, during the annual Book Fair which will be held Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm and Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Motion by Mr. Starniri to approve the road closure. Second by Ms. Taylor and Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOROUGH MANAGER:

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

None

POLICE:

Chief Parkansky reported that the Civil Service list for Police Officers has been certified and recommended hiring Mr. Kyle Stout for a full time Officer position. He is a veteran and in the top three on the list. Mr. Stout’s offer of employment is conditional on the passing of items such as physical and psychological exams and a background check, including a polygraph test. Motion by Mr. Starniri to conditionally offer Mr. Stout full time employment with the Wilson Borough Police. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council unanimously agreed.

Chief Parkansky recommended hiring Mr. Carol Groman as a crossing guard pending background checks. Motion by Mr. Starniri to hire Ms. Groman conditionally. Second by Mr. Lipari. Council concurred.

The Chief advised Council that the police had recently arrested a drug dealer from the 1600 block of Spruce Street.

FIRE:

Ms. Taylor thanked the Wilson Borough Fire Department for having a fire fighter and a truck at the recent block party on Fairview Avenue. The kids thoroughly enjoyed Firefighter Freyling teaching them about the fire department and trucks.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Drake opened bids for two International trucks and one Explorer.

<u>Mike Venezia</u>		<u>Covington Sales</u>
\$2,105.00	1984 International	\$3,333.00
\$2,105.00	1981 International	\$2,513.00
\$1,001.00	2005 Expedition	\$ 913.00

Motion by Mr. Starniri to award each vehicle to its highest bidder. Second by Mr. Schaffer. Council concurred.

Mr. Drake made a request to purchase a snow blower using the funds from the sale of the old vehicles. This snow blower will be used with the skid steer to put snow directly into the trucks and may eliminate the need to hire outside snow removal crews. Motion by Mr. Lipari to approve the purchase of a snow blower. Second by Ms. Taylor. Council unanimously agreed.

Mr. Drake told Council UGI will be milling and paving the 2100 block of Hay Street. UGI and ESWA will be repaving half of 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets from Forest to Butler Street. Wilson Borough will share the costs to have the other half of the streets completed at the same time..

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Revenue for the pool to date is \$47,282.00. Mr. Lipari said he had heard rumors that the pool will not be open next year. This is untrue. Mr. Starniri said the pool looks good and clean.

Mr. Verenna asked if the Borough should consider contracting out the concession stand to recover costs. Mr. Lipari added that Mr. Rich has given the borough money this summer, to help with the costs.

Borough staff and committee members will be meeting soon to start planning for next year’s pool season.

Mr. Lipari added that most area pools have already closed for the summer due to lack of staff.

ATTORNEY:

Mr. Devlin stated the new parks ordinance will be advertised and approved at the September 12, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Devlin said costs are being collected for the demolition of the fire damaged properties at 1820-1822 Ferry Street. When the total is complete a lien will be placed on the properties.

Mr. Margle has written a letter to DA Morganelli regarding the Borough home that held a meth lab. He questioned if the property would be a forfeiture. There has been no response to date.

COG:

None

MECAB:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Jones said residents are once again complaining about the condition of sidewalks, curbs and weeds growing in gutters around the Borough. He questioned if there may be grants available to help homeowners. These items should also be addressed during c/o inspections as well. Mr. Drake suggested putting liens on the properties, mailing letters or posting doors. Mr. Corriere said most of these properties are rentals. In order for Mr. Corriere to attend to all these issues along with his daily duties, the Borough would need to hire another person for the Code Office.

Mr. Starniri asked if a sensor could be used for the timing of lights on Washington Boulevard. Mr. Drake said it can't be done due to the trees on the Boulevard. The lights are on a timer and he adjusts as the seasons change. Some of the lights have bad parts and are being repaired.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Verenna said officials at the LINCS center would like Borough groups to use their facilities for meetings.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Bills of \$185,078.80 were paid on a Motion by Mr. Lipari. Second by Mr. Starniri. The bills were paid by a unanimous vote of Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Starniri made a Motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Second by Mr. Lipari and Council concurred.

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JILL A. GARCIA  
BOROUGH MANAGER